

In my garden here I have two  
young trees of the sugar maple  
grown from some seeds that you  
sent to Kew some few years since  
and that were given to me. I  
should esteem it a favour if  
at any time as opportunity occurs  
you would kindly send me seeds  
of plants of botanical interest  
from your country. I have a  
hot-house and green-house here  
under an experienced gardener.

W.P. H.

Castle House, Barnstaple.

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Dear Professor Asa Gray,

Please to accept my thanks for  
your note of March 18 last in which you  
express your agreement with me as to the  
matter in Journ. Bot. pp. 72-74.

In this month's number of the journal  
there is a reply from Mr. Ball.

He has evidently misunderstood my  
meaning when (p. 141) he thinks  
that I wish to leave liberty of  
choice with regard to already published  
combinations of specific names.

Although I scarcely think that I need myself write again an immediate answer to Mr. Ball, I am quite sure that a ~~few~~ few lines from you in the journal would carry great weight both here and on the Continent of Europe. So, if you can find time, perhaps you will write an expression of your opinion for publication.

With regard to Richardia ~~versus~~  
Richardsonia, you may be right from a practical point of view.

Of course, whatever laws be held

for botanical nomenclature, there will always remain a residuum of particular cases in which general laws must give way to special points of urgency, and it is unavoidable but that difference of opinion must prevail amongst botanists with regard to some of these cases. I believe however that such a residuum should be kept down to the lowest possible level.

Please to note the change in my residence as given above, and believe me to be, yours very truly,  
W. P. Hieron.